

### Remarks

In the Office Action dated February 10, 2006, the Examiner objected to claim 25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 25 is now presented in the above listing of claims in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim, including the prior amendment to claim 15 to point out and claim the stiffening ring integral with the body for providing resistance to inwards deformation of the mouth of the body. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the rewritten claim 25. Applicants preserve and do not waive any of their rights to prosecute any and all withdrawn claims in continuation applications.

### Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner allow claim 25, along with the previously allowed claims 26 and 36. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

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### Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Please grant a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2006. With the requested extension, the deadline for a response will be August 10, 2006. A check for \$1,020 is included for the fee for the extension. If the check is insufficient or missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467.

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